# Appendix C: Acronyms and Abbreviations

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1NAP: 1-napthol

AFO: animal feeding operation

AHA: American Heart Association

AHEF: Atmospheric and Health Effects Framework

**AIRS:** Aerometric Information Retrieval System

AM: atrazine mercapturate

ANC: acid-neutralizing capacity

APCs: areas of probable concern

AQI: Air Quality Index

AQS: Air Quality System

AREAL: Atmospheric Research and Exposure Assessment Laboratory

ARS: Agricultural Research Center

ATSDR: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

AVHRR: advanced very high resolution radiometer

AVS: acid volatile sulfide

В

**BASE:** Building Assessment Survey and Evaluation

**BBS:** Breeding Bird Survey

**BCI:** Bird Community Index

**BEACH:** Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health

Program

**BEIR VI:** Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation

**BLM:** Bureau of Land Management

BRAC: base realignment and closure facilities

**BRD:** Biological Resources Division

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C&I: criteria and indicators

CAA: Clean Air Act

**CAFOs:** confined animal feeding operations

CAPI: computer-assisted personal interviewing

**CASTNet:** Clean Air Status and Trends Network

CBP: Chespeake Bay Program

CCA: chromate copper arsenate

C-CAP: Coastal Change Analysis Program

CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**CDDS:** California Department of Developmental Services

**CEMS:** continuous emissions monitors

CENR: Council on the Environment and Natural Resources

**CERCLA:** Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

**CERCLIS:** Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System

**CESQGs:** conditionally exempt small quantity generators

**CFCs:** chloroflourocarbons

CHD: coronary heart disease

cm: centimeter

CMSAs: consolidated metropolitan statistical areas

CO: carbon monoxide

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**COHb:** carboxyhemoglobin

COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

COS: carbonyl sulfide

**CPI:** Consumer Price Index

**CPSC:** Consumer Product Safety Commission

CRA: comparative risk assessment

**CRP:** Conservation Reserve Program

CSO: combined sewer overflow

CSTE: Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

CVD: cardiovascular disease

CWA: Clean Water Act

**CWS:** community water system

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**DBPs:** disinfection byproducts

**DDE:** dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene

**DDT:** dichlorodiphenltrichloroethane

DO: dissolved oxygen

DOC: dissolved organic carbon

DOE: U.S. Department of Energy

DOI: U.S. Department of the Interior

**DSS:** decision support systems

**DU:** Dobson Units

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EBD: environmental burden of disease

**ECAO:** Environmental Criteria and Assessment Office

ECI: Employee Cost Index

EDC: endocrine-disrupting compounds

**EEA:** essential ecological attribute

**EECL:** equivalent effective chlorine

EEZ: U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone

**EMAP:** Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program

ENSO: El Niño-Southern Oscillation

EPA: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**STAR:** Science to Achieve Results

EPCRA: Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

EPHI: environmental public health indicators

EPO: Epidemiology Program Office

EPT: Ephemeoptera, Plecoptera, and Trichoptera Index

ERL: effects range low

**ERM:** effects range medium

**EROS:** Earth's Resources Observation System

**ESG:** Equilibrium Partitioning Sediment Guidelines

**ESI:** Environmental Sensitivity Index

**ESRD:** end stage renal disease

ETS: environmental tobacco smoke

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FDA: Food and Drug Administration

FHM: Forest Health Monitoring Program

FIA: Forest Inventory and Analysis

FQPA: Food Quality Protection Act

FS: Forest Service

FY: fiscal year

G

**GAO:** General Accounting Office

GBD: global burden of disease

**GDP:** gross domestic product

**GI:** gastrointestinal illness

GIS: geographic information systems

GLEAMS: groundwater loading effects of agricultural management

**GPRA:** Government Performance Results Act

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HABs: harmful algal blooms

**HCB:** hexachlorobenzene

**HCFCs:** hydrochlorofluorocarbons

**HFCs:** hydrofluorocarbons

**HHS:** Department of Health and Human Services

HHW: household hazardous waste

**HUC:** hydrologic unit code

**HUMUS:** hydrologic unit modeling of the United States

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IAQ: indoor air quality

IBI: index of biotic integrity

ICCC: international classification of childhood cancer

ICTDRN: International Center for Tropical Disease Research

Network

**IDEM:** Indiana Department of Environmental Management

**IMP:** integrated pest management

**IMPROVE:** Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments

IPCS: International Programme on Chemical Safety

IQ: intelligence quotient

IRIS: Integrated Risk Information System

**IWI:** Index of Watershed Indicators

K<sub>-</sub>L

**lbs:** pounds

LDC: least distributed condition

**LQGs:** large quantity generators

 $\textbf{LTER:} \ long\text{-}term \ ecological \ research$ 

**LUST:** leaking underground storage tanks

km: kilometers

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MA: metropolitan area

MAD: malathion dicarboxylic acid

MAIA: Mid-Atlantic Integrated Assessment

MBII: Macroinvertebrate Biotic Integrity Index

MCL: maximum contaminant levels

MDC: minimally distributed condition

MDN: Mercury Deposition Network

µ/m3: micrograms per cubic meter

μ/dl: micrograms per deciliter

μ/L: micrograms per liter

MRLC: Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics

MSAs: metropolitan statistical areas

N

N<sub>2</sub>: nitrogen

NAAQS: National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NADP: National Atmospheric Deposition Program

NAE: National Academy of Engineering

NAMS: national air monitoring stations

NAO: North Atlantic Oscillation

NAPAP: National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program

**NAS:** Nonindigenous Aquatic Species

NASA: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NASQAN: National Stream Quality Accounting Network

NASS: National Agricultural Statistics Service

NAWQA: National Water Quality Assessment Program

NCEA: National Center for Environmental Assessment

**NCES:** National Center for Education Strategies

**NCEH:** National Center for Environmental Health

NCFAP: National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy

**NCHS:** National Center for Health Statistics

**NCI:** National Cancer Institute

NCS: National Children's Study

**NDVI:** Normalized Difference Vegetation Index

**NEI:** National Emissions Inventory

**NEP:** National Estuary Program

**NEPA:** National Environmental Policy Act

**NERRS:** National Estuarine Research Reserve System

ng/mL: nanograms per milliliter

NHANES: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

NHATS: National Human Adipose Tissue Survey

NH<sub>3</sub>: ammonia

NHD: National Hydrography Dataset

**NHEXAS:** National Human Exposure Assessment Survey

NHIS: National Health Interview Survey

NHLBI: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

**NIH:** National Institutes of Health

NINDS: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

**NLCD:** National Land Cover Data

NLFWA: National Listing of Fish and Wildlife Advisories

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**NLV:** Norwalk-like virus

nm: nanometers

**NMI:** Nematode Maturity Index

MMWR: Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

NMVOCs: non-methane volatile organic compounds

NO2: nitrogen dioxide

NO<sub>x:</sub> nitrogen oxides

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**NOPES:** Nonoccupational Pesticide Exposure Study

**NPL:** National Priorities List

NPP: Net Primary Production

NRC: National Research Council

NRCS: Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRI: National Resources Inventory

**NSF:** National Science Foundation

**NSI:** National Sediment Inventory

NSSP: National Sanitary Survey Program

NS&T: National Status and Trends Program

NTN: National Trends Network

**NVSS:** National Vital Statistics System

**NWHC:** National Wildlife Health Center

NWI: National Wetlands Inventory

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O<sub>3</sub>: ozone

**OAQPS:** Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards

OAR: Office of Air and Radiation

**OCFO:** Office of the Chief Financial Officer

**OCHP:** Office of Children's Health Protection

**OCIR:** Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

**OECA:** Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

**OEI:** Office of Environmental Information

**ODP:** ozone-depleting potential

**ODS:** ozone-depleting substance

**OE:** Office of Enforcement

**OECD:** Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

**OPEI:** Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation

**OPs:** organophosphate pesticides

**OPP:** Office of Pesticide Programs

**OPPE:** Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation

**OPPT:** Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics

**OPPTS:** Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances

**ORD:** Office of Research and Development

**OSWER:** Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

**OW:** Office of Water

P

P: phosphorus

PAH: polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

Pb: lead

PBTs: persistent bioaccumulative toxics

PCBs: polychlorinated biphenyls

**PCC:** poison control centers

PCDD: polychlorinated dibenzo-dioxin

PCDF: polychlorinated dibenzo-furan

pCi/L: picocuries per liter

PDO: Pacific Decadal Oscillation

PDP: Pesticides Data Program

**PECDF:** pentachlorodibenzofuran

PERC: chloroform tetrachloroethylene

PFCs: perflourinated carbons

PIBI: Periphyton Index of Biotic Integrity

PM: particulate matter

PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>: particulate matter 10, 2.5 micrometers (coarse, fine)

PMSAs: primary metropolitan statistical areas

POPs: persistent organic pollutants

POTW: publicly owned treatment works

**PPI:** Producer Price Index

**PSR:** pressure-state-response framework

PSR/E: pressure-state-response-effects framework

**PWS:** public water system

Q-R

QA/QC: quality assurance/quality control

RB meter: Robertson-Berger meter

**RCRA:** Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

**RCRAInfo:** Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Information

Systen

ReVA: Regional Vulnerability Assessment Program

RMSF: rocky mountain spotted fever

ROE: EPA's Report on the Environment

**RPA:** Resource Planning Act

**RUSLE:** revised universal soil loss equation

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SAB: Science Advisory Board

SARA: Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act

SAV: submerged aquatic vegetation

SDWA: Safe Drinking Water Act

SDWIS: Safe Drinking Water Information System

SDWIS/FED: Safe Drinking Water Information System/Federal

version

SeaWiFS: sea viewing wide field-of-view sonar

**SEER:** Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program

**SEM:** simultaneously extracted metals

SF6: sulfur hexafluoride

SIC: standard industrial classification

SIDS: sudden infant death syndrome

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SLAMS: state/local air monitoring stations

SMSA: Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

SO2: sulfur dioxide

**SOLEC:** State of the Great Lakes Ecosystem Conference

SQI: Soil Quality Index

SPARROW: SPAtially-Referenced Regression On Watershed

Attributes

**SQGs:** small quantity generators

**SSO:** sanitary sewer overflow

SST: sea surface temperature

**STATSGO:** State Soil Geographic Database

**STORET:** STORage and RETrieval Database

**SWAT:** Soil and Water Assessment Tool

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**TBP:** theoretical bioaccumulation potential

TCE: trichloroethylene

**TDCF:** tetrachlorodibenzofuran

**TESS:** Toxic Exposure Surveillance System

**THMs:** trihalomethanes

**TIME:** temporally integrated monitoring of ecosystems

TMDL: total maximum daily load

TN: total nitrogen

**TOC:** total organic carbon

**TOMS:** total ozone mapping spectrometer

TP: total phosphorus

TRI: Toxics Release Inventory

TD: Technical Document for EPA's Report on the Environment

TSDs: treatment, storage, and disposal facilities

TYPY: 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinol

U-Z

**UAs:** urbanized areas

**UCs:** urban clusters

**UN:** United Nations

**UNEP:** United Nations Environment Programme

USDA: U.S. Department of Agriculture

USFWS: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS: U.S. Geological Survey

**UST:** underground storage tanks

**UV:** ultraviolet

UV-A: ultraviolet A

**UV-B:** ultraviolet B

VMT: vehicle miles traveled

**VOCs:** volatile organic compounds

WBDO: Waterborne disease outbreak

WHO: World Health Organization

WMO: World Meteorological Organization

WMPC: waste minimization priority chemicals